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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: 09/990,049 :
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FOR: SELECTIVE METALLISATION OF :
NUCLEIC ACIDS VIA METAL
NANOPARTICLES PRODUCED IN-SITU

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.